

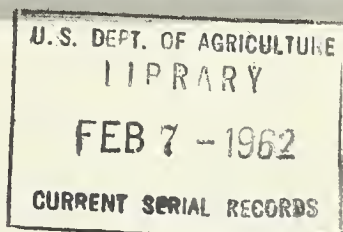
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LOUIS M. SMITH, JR. NEW DIRECTOR,

FAS LIVESTOCK, MEAT PRODUCTS

The Foreign Agricultural Service has announced the appointment of Louis M. Smith, Jr., as Director of its Livestock and Meat Products Division, succeeding Melville A. Drisko, resigned.

He will have primary responsibility in developing, and conducting activities and programs to help increase commercial sales abroad of U.S. livestock and meat products. The economic and analytic functions relating to sales of these commodities in foreign countries also will be under his direction.

Mr. Smith, of Raleigh, North Carolina, has had extensive agricultural experience, especially in the livestock field, in the United States and abroad. He has been an executive assistant to Robert C. Tetro, FAS Administrator, since March, 1961.

He was previously FAS Area Officer for Agricultural Attaches for Latin America, and before that was Agricultural Attache at Pretoria, Republic of South Africa, and at Dublin, Ireland. He joined the Department of Agriculture in 1949 as an agricultural marketing economist in the Bureau of Agricultural Economics, following service as a dairy plant manager in Raleigh. He also operated a dairy farm during 1945-49.

From 1950 to 1953 Mr. Smith was an agricultural marketing economist, a dairy and poultry specialist, and later a livestock and meat specialist in the Livestock and Wool Division of the Office of Foreign Agricultural Relations.

He received a B.S. degree in agriculture from North Carolina State College in 1938; an M.S. degree in dairy husbandry from Virginia Polytechnic Institute in 1939, and a Ph.D. in agricultural economics from North Carolina State College in 1952.

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